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LEBANESE SITUATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORDS

1. COLUMNIST MUHAMMAD ZURUF IN JUNE 25 AL-THAWRAH
OX ANALYZED AT LENGTH CONNECTION BETWEEN SITUATION IN
SOUTH LEBANESE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORDS.
ZURUF BEGAN BY NOTING THREE POINTS: A) ABSENCE OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORDS HAS TURNED SOUTH
LEBANON INTO "OPEN TERRITORY FOR ISRAEL AND OTHER
POWERS;" B) ABSNECE OF CAIRO ACCORDS HAS GIVEN
OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME PEOPLE TO FISH IN TROUBLED
WATERS; AND C) ABSNECE OF CAIRO ACCORDS FROM "STAGE
OF DIRECT POLITICAL WORK IN LEBANON WILL CONTINUOUSLY
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LEAD TO NEW RELAPSES."

2. ZURUF THEN ASKED, " WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
CAIRO ACCORDS AND EVENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON, AND WHAT IS
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EVENTS IN SOUTH LEBANON AND
POLITICAL ACCORD WHICH LEBANESE ARE PRESENTLY SEEKING
TO CONCLUDE AMONG THEMSELVES?" HE ANSWERED THAT EVENTS

IN SOUTH HAVE TWO TRENDS: IN FIRST, THEY ARE CONFINED TO LOCAL REACTIONS AMONG SEVERAL PARTIES AND DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES. SECOND, TREND IS RELATED TO "ZIONIST DEFIANCE WHICH ENDEAVORS TO IMPOSE ITS CONTROL ON ARAB NATION." TO OVERCOME THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS, HE ASSERTED THAT A LEBANESE POLITICAL ACCORD WILL REQUIRE ABOVE ALL "A SECURITY PATRONAGE WHICH WILL THOROUGHLY PROTECT THE COUNTRY." HE CALLED FOR PRES. SARKIS TO CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH ADF AND SYRIAN INITIATIVE. HE CONCLUDED THAT "COOPERATION MEANS RESPONSE TO THE DANGERS AND DEFIANCES IN SOUTH LEBANON BY SEEKING "A PRACTICAL FORMULA OF ACTION TO CONFINE THOSE DANGERS AND DEFIANCES AT THE REQUIRED SPEED."

3. COMMENT. REFERENCE TO A "SECURITY PATRONAGE" TO PROTECT LEVANON CONSTITUTES AN ASSERTION THAT SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT IS NECESSARY TO DEFEND LEBANON BOTH EXTERNALLY AND FROM INTERNAL DISORDER.
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